

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held June 4, 2009, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, California.

In Attendance:	Chad Anderson	Torry Brean	Matt Deskovick (Arr. 7:20)
	Katherine L. Finley	Kathy S. Finley	Bob Hailey
	Eb Hogervorst	Kristi Mansolf	Jim Piva
	Dennis Sprong	Paul Stykel	Angus Tobiasson
	Richard Tomlinson		

Excused Absence: Chris Anderson, Dennis Grimes

Dennis Sprong, RCPG Vice-Chair, acted as the Chair of the meeting. Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

- ITEM 1: The Chair Called the Meeting to Order at 7:14 p.m.**
- ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance**
- ITEM 3: The Secretary Determined a Quorum was Present**
- ITEM 4: LIST OF ABSENTEES FOR THIS MEETING. Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences by the RCPG – Secretary Will Read Record Separately from the Minutes – Chris Anderson and Dennis Grimes had excused absences.**

**ITEM 5: Approval of Order of the Agenda (Action)**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.**

Upon motion made by Chad Anderson and seconded by Paul Stykel, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Dennis Grimes absent.

**ITEM 6: Roberts Rules of Order – Rules of Parliamentary Procedure to be Followed during Meeting. The Brown Act – General Information on What it is and How it Applies to the RCPG (Chair)**

The Chair said Roberts Rules of Order govern how the RCPG meetings are conducted. The Brown Act defines how the public participates in the meeting.

**ITEM 7: ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair)**

The Chair announced that the Interest Group would be meeting June 30 and the Steering Committee on June 27. Both meetings are for the GP Update.

**ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 5-7-09 (Action)**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 5-7-09.**

Upon motion made by Paul Stykel and seconded by Eb Hogervorst, the Motion passed 12-0-0-0-3, with Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Dennis Grimes absent.

**ITEM 9: NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda  
(No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized)**

Speaker: Chris Brown, Montecito Ranch Representative

Mr. Brown is offering tours of the property to interested RCPG members. Please contact him for a tour. This is a good opportunity to become familiar with the project. On the site, they will be recreating vernal pools over the next 2 weeks. The vernal pool recreation is part of the project. The project will be in front of the RCPG early in the fall. They are working on their EIR. Mr. Brown asked members to check with the secretary for his contact information.

**ITEM 10: Presentation by RMWD and CWA: Dennis Cushman, Assistant General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority; Ralph McIntosh, General Manager, Ramona Municipal Water District; Patty Bevers, Water Resources Specialist II, Ramona Municipal Water District. Presentation Topics Include: Water Supply Issues, Drought Management, Water Conservation, Water Rates (Discussion and Possible Action)**

The Chair introduced Ralph McIntosh.

Mr. McIntosh is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Ramonan. His family settled in Ramona in 1872. Mr. McIntosh is the General Manager of the RMWD. Mr. McIntosh introduced Patty Bevers who handles the conservation program and backflow; Mr. Dennis Cushman, Assistant Manager at the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA), who is involved with water district initiatives, is a legislative advocate and a lead negotiator; and Ms. Denise Landsted, involved with CWA planning and the Quantification Service Agreement. Ms. Landsted is a Ramona resident.

Mr. Cushman said that a level 2 Drought Alert will be declared effective July 1. The CWA is a wholesale water agency created by the State Legislature in 1944. There are 24 member agencies and a 35 member board of directors. The CWA serves 3 million people in the 1/3 western portion of San Diego County, Orange County to the border. San Diego County gets 54 percent of our water from the Colorado River, 28 percent from the Sacramento Bay Delta. Local water projects supply 18 percent of our water.

Currently there are 3 challenges to our water supply. 1) Regulatory – pumping restrictions are sharply limiting imported water from Northern California. 2) Drought – there has been drought for the past 3 years in California. The Colorado River has had drought 8 of the last 10 years. 3) Low Storage – major reservoirs have been drawn down to low levels.

The ability to move water from the northern part of the state to the southern part of the state is limited by regulatory restrictions on pumping to protect certain species of fish that are declining precipitously. More restrictions were announced just on that day, June 4.

The impacts of the regulatory restrictions on Southern California water supplies will affect the water supply significantly. The pumps have been turned down ¼ to ½ to protect the species. There will be a 13 percent reduction from the Metropolitan Water District starting July 1. There will be a regional shortfall to urban customers of 8 percent. Cutbacks to agriculture will be 13 to 30 percent.

We moved from a "Drought Watch" to a "Drought Alert" on April 23. Mandatory water use restrictions will be implemented on irrigation, water fountain/feature use prohibited, washing paved surfaces prohibited, there will be restrictions on car washing, water will be served only upon request in restaurants. There will be restrictions for lodging and construction.

San Diego County's water supply portfolio is diversifying. In 1991 they were dependent on the Metropolitan Water District. By 2020, this will be down by 30 percent. The diversification strategy is working. The Colorado River Quantification Settlement Agreement states that by 2020, we will be receiving 40 percent of our water from that source. We are expanding development of local supplies with recycled water, groundwater, seawater desalination and conservation. We are working on a \$3.7 billion capital improvement project to create infrastructure. Before 2003, the Metropolitan Water District depended on Colorado River water. Then ½ of the Colorado River water was lost. We had to depend on the State. This water was 5 to 25 times more expensive. This shift to more expensive supplies drives up the cost of water, which is passed onto member agencies and ratepayers.

Mr. Cushman said conservation has to be permanent. He asked us to put pressure on the legislature to fix this problem.

Mr. Anderson asked about possibility of rebuilding or improving the infrastructure in Northern California to help eliminate the impacts to the fish?

Mr. Cushman said the impacts to the species would be less if the dam were further north. It would cost a lot of money to make this change and there would have to be interest in planning for it. Right now the levees in Northern California are fragile, having been built by immigrants, not by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Tobiason said there should be a program in the schools so kids know why things are drying up. The children will suffer from this. There should be a counter balance.

Mr. Hogervorst asked how soon it will be before there is a desalination plant?

Mr. Cushman said the CWA got the final permit. It will be finished in 2012 and provide 56,000 acre feet. The CWA is looking at putting a desalination plant on Camp Pendleton. The first phase is almost done. Maybe it will be completed in 2018.

Ms. Katherine L. Finley asked about growth and water availability?

Mr. Cushman said the CWA uses SANDAG growth figures to accommodate 2020 growth.

Ms. Katherine L. Finley said Southern California has grown dramatically. But what about growth in Ramona? We will still be getting subdivisions.

Mr. Cushman said Silicon Valley has also grown dramatically since 1990. The Bay area has not made investments to build more storage.

Ms. Katherine L. Finley asked about water projects in San Diego County.

Mr. Cushman said that in 2003, a major large dam was made in Olivenhain. The San Vicente dam will be built larger on the top and raised 170 feet. The City of San Diego is drawing it down now. Lake Hodges was never connected to a water system. Olivenhain is 1 mile to the west and 700 feet

higher. A tunnel has been built from Olivenhain to Lake Hodges. A 40 mega watt power plant will be built. Lake Hodges will be done next. There will be 3 reservoirs. San Vicente will be done in 2012 with additional capacity.

Mr. Piva asked about Lake Ramona?

Mr. McIntosh said Lake Ramona contains water purchased from the CWA. It is pumped in and pumped out. Now it is untreated and serves 240 ag water users. It will only be used in an emergency.

Mr. Tobiason asked if Lake Hodges is polluted? With the trees in there, is the water usable?

Mr. Cushman said San Dieguito and Rancho Santa Fe are the only communities that get their water from Lake Hodges. It is treated and served to the communities.

Mr. Deskovick asked about lakes for boats?

Mr. Cushman said in 5 years San Vicente will be bigger. There are no plans to build additional new lakes.

Mr. Anderson asked if it were possible to put the Northern California issue of the fish pumping restriction on a ballot and override it?

Mr. Cushman said a judge can implement the law, but this would be California Law. Theoretically the law can be changed, but Federal Law cannot be overturned. It takes political will, money and time to fix the problem in Sacramento.

Mr. Stykel asked if the smelt were being monitored?

Mr. Cushman said he doesn't know. They are able to pump in July, August and September, but can't pump January through May and October through December.

Mr. McIntosh said the RMWD will move into Level 2, Drought Alert, on July 1. There will be mandatory restrictions through voluntary actions. Eight percent reduction is not too bad to adjust to. There will be an odd/even water scheduling according to the last digit of the address. There will be no watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Watering will be limited to 15 minutes. Driveways can't be hosed off. Excessive runoff will be addressed. The RMWD will work with businesses using too much water and with excess runoff. Mr. McIntosh thinks there will be a natural decrease due to the rate increase. There will be no penalty in the first 6 months if the target figure is reached. If the target figure is exceeded in 6 months, there may be fines. Wells aren't included.

Mr. Sprong asked about fire victims with no history since 2006?

Mr. McIntosh said that accounts will be looked at on an individual basis. They will continue to issue water meters. Five water meters have been issued in the last year and there were 5 meter upgrades. The RMWD wants the water restrictions to be followed. They are updating the website. Not yet, but soon, excess water usage can be reported on the website.

**MOTION: TO MOVE ITEM 11 TO AFTER SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-2**, with Chris Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent.

(Matt Deskovick left at 8:30.)

**ITEM 11: P08-012, Log No. ER08-09-003, Sutherland Drive Wireless Telecommunication Facility, Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. 24709 Sutherland Dr., 40 Foot Tall Mono-Broadleaf Tree. Available at [http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/cega\\_public\\_review.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/cega_public_review.html) (Discussion and Possible Action) – Taken out of order (please see page 7).**

**ITEM 12: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**12-A: SOUTH (Hailey) (No Business)**

**12-B: WEST (Mansolf) (No Business)**

**12-C: EAST (Kathy S. Finley)(No Business)**

**12-D: PARKS (Tomlinson) (Action Items)**

**12-D-1: PLDO Project – Lighting at Pony Baseball Field. Consideration of Placement on Ramona PLDO Project List**

Mr. Tomlinson said the PLDO applicant was not able to attend the meeting. The item was tabled until next month.

**12-D-2: GP Update, Ramona Community Plan Document. Staff Recommendations and Policies, Parks (w/GP Update, and T&T)**

Mr. Tomlinson said the Subcommittee looked at the material in the GP Update for Ramona for Parks. A dozen items were updated. Mr. Tomlinson handed out the information from his Parks meeting for the GP Update.

Ms. Mansolf said DPLU just accepted the AHOPE changes from the last meeting to be incorporated into the Draft Ramona Plan to be circulated as part of the Draft EIR. DPLU has asked that additional changes be given as EIR comments once the Draft EIR is released. The Draft EIR will be released at the beginning of July. The RCPG will be announcing its release at the July 2 meeting. Subcommittees can review the information during July and submit information to the RCPG at the August meeting to send to DPLU. The public review period will be 45 days.

Mr. Tomlinson said he has some questions before submitting the Parks comments to DPLU.

**12-E: AHOPE (Grimes) (No Business)**

**12-F: GP Update Plan (Anderson) (Action Item)**

**12-F-1: GP Update, Ramona Community Plan Document. Staff Recommendations and Policies (w/Parks and T&T) – Not discussed.**

**12-G: CUDA (Brean)(No Business)**

**12-H: Transportation/Trails (Piva)(Action Items)**

**12-H-1: Review of Intersection at Lamar and Walnut**

This item was not addressed at the T&T Subcommittee because the individual requesting the item to be on the agenda was not in attendance.

**12-H-2:San Vicente Road Improvements Project – a Capital Improvement Project.  
Notice of Preparation of EIR Released for Public Review 5-11-09 with  
Comments Due 6-9-09. Available online at:  
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/environment/envrnsvc.html>**

Mr. Piva reported the San Vicente Project was discussed and 2 motions made, 1 of which passed. The project will straighten out the curves in the road. The road will remain 2 lane, but will have additional shoulder for bike lanes and pathways.

The Chair announced that Ken Brennecke and Patricia Brennecke completed speaker slips in opposition to the San Vicente Road Improvements Project, but did not wish to speak.

**MOTION: TO REQUEST AT THE CENTER OF THE ROAD A FOUR FOOT SEPARATION TO INCLUDE A DOUBLE, DOUBLE YELLOW LINE AND RUMBLE STRIPS (LIKE ON HWY 67), AND CORRESPONDING REDUCTION OF THE SHOULDER WITH DRIVEWAY CUTOUTS.**

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with 3 members absent.

**12-H-3.GP Update, Ramona Community Plan Document. Staff  
Recommendations and Policies, Circulation and Mobility (w/GP  
Update and Parks)**

This item was not discussed due to Subcommittee members having insufficient information at the meeting.

**12-H-4:County Public Road Standards**

Mr. Piva announced that he and Mr. Coakley would be attending the Planning Commission Subcommittee for the County Public Road Standards on June 5. He will report on the meeting at the next RCPG meeting.

**12-H-5:Road Width Reduction, Merging of Bike Lane and Shoulder, Dye Rd.  
Extension**

Mr. Piva said rural roads can combine the bike lane and the shoulder to reduce road widths as per the pending rural roads standards. This will not only reduce width, but cut costs and impacts. No Parking signs can be posted so people don't park along the road.

**MOTION: TO ASK THE COUNTY TO ADOPT PENDING RURAL ROAD STANDARDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COMBINE THE BIKE LANE AND SHOULDER ON THE DYE RD. EXTENSION.**

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Bob Hailey, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Dennis Grimes absent.

**12-I: DESIGN REVIEW (Anderson) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board –** There was no report as Ms. Anderson was absent.

**12-J: TOWN CENTER COMMITTEE (Brean, Stykel) Update on Town Center Committee Meetings – Report to RCPG –** There was no meeting.

**ITEM 13: OTHER BUSINESS (Chair)**

- A. PAA 09-001, Ramona Retail Center. Hwy 67 at Ramona Maria Lane. Discussion on RCPG Representatives (2) for Site-Selection Committee (Possible Action)**

Bob Hailey and Torry Brean volunteered to serve on the Ramona Retail Center, Site-Selection Committee. After the Design Review Board and the Ramona Village Design Committee appoint designees and the Chamber of Commerce selects someone to attend, a meeting will be arranged.

**B. RCPG Attire, Logo and Visionary Statement**

**MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.**

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Dennis Grimes absent.

**ITEM 11: P08-012, Log No. ER08-09-003, Sutherland Drive Wireless Telecommunication Facility, Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. 24709 Sutherland Dr., 40 Foot Tall Mono-Broadleaf Tree. Available at [http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa\\_public\\_review.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa_public_review.html) (Discussion and Possible Action) –** Taken out of order.

Ms. Mansolf said the negative declaration for the Sutherland Dr. cell site is out for public review. There will be off-site mitigation for Englemann Oaks. The carrier is Verizon.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chris Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Dennis Grimes absent.

**ITEM 14: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Chair)**

- A. Names Submitted for New Subcommittee Members (Action) –** None  
Mr. Hailey announced he was resigning from the T&T Subcommittee.  
**B. Agenda Requests –** None  
**C. Concerns of Members –** None

**ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT – 8:50**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf